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NEWS RELEASE

A one count indictment¹ was filed today charging defendant Joseph Saroeuth with being a convicted felon in possession of a loaded firearm on or about June 22, 2010, in Philadelphia, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. The indictment charges that the defendant possessed a handgun, that is a Taurus, Model 85, .38 caliber special revolver, with an obliterated serial number, loaded with five rounds of ammunition, after having been convicted of a felony.

Upon conviction, he faces the following maximum sentence: ten years imprisonment; three years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine and a \$100 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Joseph Saroeuth	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	19

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. The case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, it is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Zaleski.

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